

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 8 and 10-20 have been subjected to a species requirement in the Office Action of March 21, 2006, wherein Group I, a hip-mounted harness (Figures 1 through 3), was asserted by the Examiner to be patentably distinct from Group II, a back-mounted harness (Figures 4 and 5). According to this assertion, claims 1-6, 8, 10-12 and 14-20 read on Group I, and claim 13 reads on Group II.

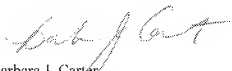
Applicants elect species I, depicted in Figures 1 through 3. Species I reads on claims 1-6, 8, 10-12 and 14-20. Applicants note that claims 1-6, 8, 10-11 and 14-20 are all generic with respect to both Species.

Applicants believe that a three-month extension of time is required. A check in the amount of \$1020.00 is therefore enclosed, to cover the three-month extension fee. However, in the event that any additional fees are due, Applicants request that deposit account number 19-4972 be charged for any fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this application.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

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